

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

LoBIONDO, Frank A. (Republican)  
Representative, 2nd District, New Jersey  
Elected 1994 to the 104th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Bridgeton, New Jersey -- 12 May 1946  
Home: Vineland, New Jersey  
Marital status: Married (Jan) - two children  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Education: St. Joseph's Univ, B.S., 1968  
Military: None

Profession: Trucking company manager

Political: Cumberland County Freeholder, 1985-87; NJ Assembly, 1988-94. Defeated Louis Magazzu (D) in the 1994 general election with 65% of the vote for the open seat of Rep Hughes (D), who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 67% of the vote and in 2002 with 69%.

Rep LoBiondo, a conservative, said he became interested in politics to help businesses. Does not think government is attentive to the real-world costs of regulation and wants to cut back on regulations. Supports a balanced-budget constitutional amendment, and a line-item veto. Opposed the FY96 DoD auth because it exceeded funding needed for a strong defense; objected to funds for additional B-2s and for the Seawolf sub.

Early in the 105th Congress, resigned from the Banking Committee. In the 106th Congress, supported the Coast Guard authorization bill and its inclusion of funds for six fast, highly maneuverable vessels useful on the front lines of the drug war.

In the 107th Congress, expressed strong support for the US Coast Guard, stating, "many of the Coast Guard's most urgent needs are similar to those experienced by the DoD, including spare parts shortages and personnel training deficits. Oftentimes, people do not recognize that the Coast Guard is one of our five armed services." Secured \$6.3M for the construction of a Communications and Security Forces facility for the NJ ANG's 177th FW. "I believe firmly that for our military to do the best job possible, they need to have the best possible equipment and facilities." Also helped secure a \$32.8M Dept of Veteran Affairs federal grant for the construction of a new Vineland Veterans Memorial Home in Cumberland County. Regarding the confrontation with Iraq, stated, "I would prefer that the international community rally with us, as they did in the Gulf War. However, if the United Nations fails to see the threat posed by Saddam to American and the rest of the civilized world, then we may have to act alone." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 24Sep02)

At the beginning of the 108th Congress was appointed to the Armed Services Cmte. Additional: Operations Manager for LoBiondo Brothers Motor Express, Inc., a trucking company in Vineland, N.J. Serves as Assistant Majority Whip. With Atlantic City in his district, co-founded and is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Congressional Gaming Caucus.

AF Bases: Atlantic City Airport (NJ ANG, 177th FW)

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